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[] Visit to [] - March 1954

1. The following summary is submitted per normal practice to cover that portion of [] recent visit which pertained directly to the activities of this desk.

2. [] arrived on the night of 4 March from Rome and departed from Istanbul on 8 March. The primary purpose of the visit to Athens was to review SGAW-4063 (KAPOK 300), 18 February 1954, in light of current field thinking and our operational plans for 1954 and to acquaint himself with the current status of our varied activities.

3. With respect to guidance for the 1954 operational season [] discovered that the dispatch had unfortunately not been circulated [] though it had been here for some time. Hence he had to start from scratch to review this paper with all concerned and to explain his thinking. On 2 March 1954 in SGAA-8711 (KAPOK 2428) the field had filed a dispatch on the current status of planning for 1954 operations written by [] and though this particular dispatch did not discuss planned changes in methods and objectives, it was evident during our discussions [] that we were not only receptive to [] views but had based our preliminary plans to a large extent on mounting operations and handling teams in a manner consistent with Headquarters views. Informal discussion on the subject on several occasions with various OBOPUS personnel and others concerned with our operations brought field and Headquarters thinking closer together. Detailed dispatches on each 1954 OBOPUS operation were requested and are being prepared as plans for each operation become definite. This Headquarters request was a follow up of paragraph 3 of SGAW 3631 (December 22, 1953).

4. A discussion of operational conditions and potentialities in Albania was held on 5 March with [], [], [], [], [] and [] participating. The points included on the check list found in SGAW-3579 (29 December 1953), were covered and served to bring [] and [] up to date on current field thinking on future OBOPUS agent operations and to align Headquarters and field thinking as reported in the previous paragraph.

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5. [] reviewed our

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5. [] reviewed our PW activities and was brought up to date on NTGRUBBY in all respects. The plan to cut down on the man hours spent in program preparation and utilize the staff on ONKKEK and leaflet preparation was explained and met with approval in view of current jamming efforts against NTGRUBBY. SGAA-4038 (10 February 1954) was reviewed and [] explained the circumstances pertaining to the renewal of the NTGRUBBY safehouse lease. Leaflets on hand were reviewed and Radnor questioned use of the needle leaflet on the basis of the date and text. Since [] departure, this leaflet has been carefully reviewed and judged to be satisfactory for future drops by [], [] and [].

6. A similar review was made of our various Intel activities including handling of refugee interrogation reports.

7. [] did not visit Ioannina but was briefed on our activities at that post and [] current problems with respect to our KYP relationship. [] urged that we make it as close as necessary and suggested more material could be passed to good advantage. To this end [] promised to check in Headquarters to see if an ODACID study of the Prizren League could be made available for KYP. In the same vein [] felt we should consider a joint agent operation with KYP.

8. The matter of reporting was given careful and thorough attention. [] read all current monthly reports and generally approved our handling of this requirement. He did request, however, that the field case officers should include agent, team, and project assessments in their reports to a greater extent than has been our practice. In connection with reporting SGAA-4100 (17 February 1954) was reviewed as were Field Instructions 50-11 and 210-3. [] also elaborated on SGAA-3776 (28 January 1954) explaining exactly why Headquarters was in the dark on the APPLE October resupply operation for so long. [] explained the purpose and working of the operational log presently maintained by [] which we feel has been such a help in preparing monthly reports. This review of our reporting and reporting procedures naturally resulted in a full briefing of on current operations. Specific mention was made of the AILION operation as [] brought Headquarters views on contacting him. The plan which we decided to follow involves AIQUAD writing a contact in Yugoslavia in hopes that he will pass our instructions to AILION. This is being pursued per Radnor's request and further word from Headquarters is now expected.

9. [] had a good opportunity to discuss OBOPUS matters in general with nearly all OBOPUS/Athens personnel. No particular personnel problems were left hanging with the exception that [] requested [] to check carefully into [] training and his promotion. []'s future plans have since been clarified as reported by separate dispatch. [] did not visit [] as mentioned above nor did he meet [] who was assigned to OBOPUS at

that time. However

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that time. However since then she has been transferred and [] has been added to our staff in her stead. Field disappointment concerning Headquarters security officer's failure to arrange [] training as an LCFLUTTER operator as reported in SGAW-3795 (15 January 1954) was registered. It was suggested that [] look into the problem of LCFLUTTER operators from the overall SE standpoint upon his return. We also agreed to urge [] return for operational reasons, but this was vetoed by Headquarters by cable on medical grounds. [] status was reviewed, the date of [] return and the status of his brother was speculated upon. [] stated OBOPUS/Headquarters was not definitely clear on [] future plans. Upon checking the record we find SGAA-6495 (15 October 1953). Your attention is drawn to it. [] observed the clerical workload being handled by the office and the backlog which seems to be a chronic problem.

10. This visit was most welcome particularly as it came at the outset of the operational season, and we would like to have it repeated before the end of the year for we feel we profited from it considerably. The writer apologizes for the fact this paper was not dispatched prior to his recent TDY in Italy and Germany.

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5 April 1954

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